

MINUTES

MONTANA SENATE 60th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENERGY

Call to Order: By **CHAIRMAN GREG LIND**, on March 19, 2007 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 422 Capitol.

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Greg Lind, Chairman (D)
Sen. Aubyn Curtiss (R)
Sen. Kelly Gebhardt (R)
Sen. Christine Kaufmann (D)
Sen. Gary L. Perry (R)
Sen. Bill Tash (R)
Sen. Mitch Tropila (D)
Sen. David E. Wanzonried (D)

Members Excused: Sen. Dan Harrington (D)

Members Absent: None.

Staff Present: Claudia Johnson, Committee Secretary
Joe Kolman, Legislative Branch

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Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 703, 3/12/2007; HB 555,
3/12/2007; HB 205, 3/16/2007; HB
259, 3/16/2007
Executive Action: HB 555, HB 703

00:00:00 Chairman Lind

HEARING ON HB 703

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:08 **REP. RICK RIPLEY (R), HD 17**, opened the hearing on **HB 703**, Revise survey requirements for regional water projects.

Proponents:

00:02:31 Steve Wade, North Montana Regional Water Systems

00:04:10 Wagner Harmon, Dry Prairie Rural Water System

00:06:18 Anna Miller, Conservation and Resource Division,
Department of Natural Resources and Conservation (DNRC)

EXHIBIT (nas58a01)

00:07:44 Tom Schultz, Administrator for Trust Land Division,
(DNRC)

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony: None.

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:08:52 Sen. Tash to Tom Schultz, DNRC

00:09:52 Sen. Wanzenried to Rep. Ripley

00:10:20 Sen. Lind to Wagner Harmon, Dry Prairie Rural Water
System

Closing by Sponsor:

00:11:14 Rep. Ripley

HEARING ON HB 555

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:12:25 **REP. WANDA GRINDE (D), HD 48**, opened the hearing on **HB 555**, Public education program for recycling and electronic waste disposal.

Proponents:

00:15:34 Tyler Evilsizer, SAVE Montana Foundation (Students Saving the Environment)

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony:

00:18:05 Sandra Boggs, Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:18:27 Sen. Kaufmann to Sandra Boggs, DEQ

00:19:58 Sen. Perry to Sandra Boggs, DEQ

00:20:18 Sen. Tash to Sandra Boggs, DEQ

Closing by Sponsor:

00:20:44 Rep. Grinde

HEARING ON HB 205

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:22:20 **REP. GEORGE EVERETT (R), HD 5**, opened the hearing on **HB 205**, Revise controlled ground water laws.

EXHIBIT (nas58a02)

Proponents:

00:27:01 Glenn Oppel, Montana Association of Realtors

EXHIBIT (nas58a03)

00:32:37 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Realtors

00:36:24 Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrowers Association

00:38:17 Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resource Association

00:39:13 Megan Brower, Montana Farm Bureau

00:39:42 Addy Gibson, Smith Valley Controlled Groundwater Area
(CGA)

[EXHIBIT\(nas58a04\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(nas58a05\)](#)

00:43:23 Pat Torgerson, Women in Farm Economics (WIFE)

00:44:02 Gina Klampel, Self

[EXHIBIT\(nas58a06\)](#)

00:46:05 Dustin Stewart, Montana Building Industry Association

Opponents:

00:46:30 Vivian Drake, Self

[EXHIBIT\(nas58a07\)](#)

00:56:14 Anne Hedges, Montana Environmental Information Center
(MEIC)

01:06:34 Linda Stoll, Local Public Health Officers

01:07:45 Steve Kelly, Friend of the Wild Swan

Informational Testimony:

01:14:49 John Tubbs, Water Resources Division, DNRC

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:25:42 Sen. Tash to John Tubbs, DNRC

01:28:00 Sen. Perry to Vivian Drake, Self

01:28:51 Sen. Perry to John Tubbs, DNRC

01:29:30 Sen. Perry to Ann Yates, Attorney, DNRC

01:30:09 Sen. Perry to John Tubbs, DNRC

01:32:32 Sen. Wanzenried to John Tubbs, DNRC

01:36:54 Sen. Wanzenried to Rep. Everett

01:39:28 Sen. Wanzenried to Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana
Association of Realtors

01:46:32 Sen. Lind to Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana
Association of Realtors

01:50:14 Sen. Perry to Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana
Association of Realtors

01:53:36 Sen. Perry to Steve Pilcher, Montana Stockgrowers
Association

01:55:34 Sen. Perry to Mike Murphy, Montana Water Resource
Association

01:59:45 Sen. Lind to Glenn Oppel, Montana Association of
Realtors

02:00:58 Sen. Lind to Ann Yates, Attorney, DNRC

02:02:27 Sen. Lind to Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana
Association of Realtors

02:05:01 Sen. Tash to Ann Yates, Attorney, DNRC

02:06:43 Sen. Gebhardt to John Tubbs, DNRC

02:07:44 Sen. Lind to Rep. Everett

Closing by Sponsor:

02:09:08 Rep. Everett

HEARING ON HB 259

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

02:14:22 **REP. MICHELE REINHART (D)**, **HD 97**, opened the hearing on
HB 259, Create gray water permit.

Proponents:

02:18:09 Tyler Evilsizer, SAVE Montana Foundation

EXHIBIT(nas58a08)

02:20:24 Linda Stoll, Local Public Health Officers

02:20:54 Dan Flynn, Self

Opponents: None.

Informational Testimony:

02:22:17 Steve Kilbreath, Section Supervisor for DEQ

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

02:22:53 Sen. Perry to Steve Kilbreath, DEQ

02:24:01 Sen. Tash to Linda Stoll, Local Public Health Officers

02:25:31 Sen. Perry to Steve Kilbreath, DEQ

02:27:13 Sen. Lind to Steve Kilbreath, DEQ

02:28:04 Sen. Lind to Rep. Reinhart

02:29:19 Sen. Gebhardt to Rep. Reinhart

02:29:57 Sen. Gebhardt to Steve Kilbreath, DEQ

Closing by Sponsor:

02:30:32 Rep. Reinhart

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 555

Motion: SEN. PERRY moved that HB 555 BE CONCURRED IN.

Discussion:

02:32:15 Sen. Gebhardt to Sen. Perry

02:32:56 **Vote:** MOTION that HB 555 BE CONCURRED IN carried 7-2 by voice vote with SEN. GEBHARDT and SEN. TASH voting no.

EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 703

02:34:35 **Motion/Vote:** SEN. TASH moved that HB 703 BE CONCURRED
IN. Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 5:40 P.M.

SEN. GREG LIND, Chairman

CLAUDIA JOHNSON, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

EXHIBIT ([nas58aad.pdf](#))